GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

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STOPPAGE OF FUNDS TO CRIBR
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the Government have recently stopped grants to the Centre for Research on Indo-Bangladesh Relations (CRIBR) Kolkata;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the names of such other organisations which are being funded by the Government at present alongwith yearly grant provided to them during the last three years; and

(d) the extent to which they have been successful in fulfilling the objectives for which they have been set up?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERENAL AFFAIRS (SHRI VINOD KHANNA)

(a) &b) Yes. The Government conducts periodic evaluations of the grants being made to the Centre.Accordingly, it was decided to reduce the grant in phases and finally terminate it.

(c) & d) :

i) Centre for Advance Studies of India at the University of Pennsylvania, (CASI) USA, to whom a recurring annual grant of Rs. 2 lakh is being provided since 1992-93 was established by theUniversity of Pennsylvania, USA, with a view to linking American andIndian academics, professional and policy makers for potential scholarly, economic, technological and political co-operation. The grant is meant to be a token of our appreciation of the Centre`s contribution towards generating better awareness of India in the United States.
ii) The Indian Council of World Affairs(ICWA), New Delhi, is being Funded by the Government of India since its take over in Sep. 2000. Details of the disbursement of grant to ICWA, New Delhi, during the last two years is as follows :-

Year	Amount
2000-2001	Rs.80,00,000/-
2001-2002	Rs.1,34,36,000/-
2002-2003	Rs.90,00,000/-

(Up to 14.02.2003)

The ICWA premises are being used to hold important seminars and conferences on subjects that are of interest and relevance to our foreign policy. The ICWA Library is now fully functional and its membership has gone up.New books have been purchased, and old books and periodicals got bound. The Council has revived the publications, India Quarterly and Foreign Affairs Reports.

iii) The Indian Society of International Law (ISIL) is currently being provided with a recurring annual maintenance grant of Rs.5 lakh for the purpose of maintaining the area occupied by the Ministry of External Affairs in ISIL building, 9 Bhagwan Dass Road, New Delhi.